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wherein the second conductor receiving channel comprises opposing concave surfaces having different shapes, and a side surface between the opposing concave surfaces having a substantially flat shape, and wherein the third conductor receiving channel comprises opposing concave surfaces and a side surface between the opposing concave surfaces having a substantially flat shape.

REMARKS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (as amended on 11/7/2000) the rewritten claim(s) above is/are shown on separate page(s), in the attached Appendix, marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of that claim.

Claim 25 has been canceled without prejudice and its features have been added to claim 24. In view of section 6 of the office action, claim 24 should now be in condition for allowance. Claims 26-30 are also patentable and should be allowed.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issue remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' Attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix

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Marked Up Claim(s)

24. (Amended) An electrical compression connector comprising:

a first section having a first conductor receiving channel extending into a top side of the connector; and

a second section integrally formed with the first section, the second section having a second and a third conductor receiving channel extending into opposite respective first and second lateral sides of the connector,

wherein the second conductor receiving channel comprises opposing concave surfaces having different shapes, and a side surface between the opposing concave surfaces having a substantially flat shape, and wherein the third conductor receiving channel comprises opposing concave surfaces and a side surface between the opposing concave surfaces having a substantially flat shape.

25. (Canceled)